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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For: **SECURE TAX METER FOR COLECTING SALES AND/OR USE TAXES ON SALES THAT ARE MADE VIA THE INTERNET AND/OR CATALOG**

Enclosed are:

23 pages comprising the specification, claims, and abstract.

5 sheets of drawing.

A Declaration and Power of Attorney.

An Information Disclosure Statement with attachments.

A Recordation of Assignment Request and a copy of the executed Assignment of the invention to Pitney Bowes Incorporated, 1 Elmcroft Road, Stamford, Connecticut 06926-0700 (original + 1).  
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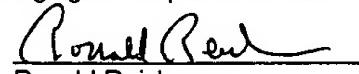
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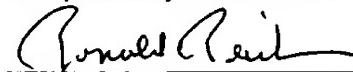
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